



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Crops Remain Stable as Harvest Continues

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 2% very poor, 19% poor, 41% fair, 32% good, and 6% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 37 degrees in the south central region and a high temperature of 103 degrees in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 5 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. The state cereal crops experienced a slight decrease in condition while the corn, onion, and potato crops improved during the reporting week. Pasture conditions slightly worsened from the previous week. Northern Idaho particularly noted the extremely hot and dry weather had dried up pastures in the area as temperatures were in the high 90 to 100 degree range daily. The soil moisture levels decreased this week as much of the state remained dry. Boundary County reported the extended hot, dry weather reduced expected yields. Southcentral Idaho received light rain showers every few days, which made getting hay up without precipitation a challenge. Jerome County reported damage from disease earlier in the season negatively affected recent wheat condition and yield. The southeastern region also received a fair amount of precipitation during the reporting week. Rain storms hampered the harvest of wheat and barley and put some third cutting of alfalfa on hold. Jefferson County reported the local harvest was stopped altogether while waiting for the weather to change. Hail reported in the easternmost areas caused some crop damage. Franklin County reported that barley harvested was coming in light weight. The dry pea harvest continued to move ahead steadily and remained well ahead of historic averages. Overall Idaho crops remained in good shape as producers continued the harvest.

## Hot and Dry Conditions Continued in Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 11% very poor, 35% poor, 27% fair, 25% good and 2% excellent. Western Washington experienced high temperatures throughout the week with some scattered showers; however, there was not enough rain to provide relief. Reports suggested it has been a good year for organic crops because weed pressure has not been a major factor. Livestock in the area were on feed rather than out on pastures as the pastures have dried out. Cranberry growers were still concerned about inadequate water for harvest. Pumpkins were forming and were in various stages. Local peaches ripened throughout the district. Some hay was baled and some haylage harvested. Corn, squash, and potatoes continued to make progress throughout the week. There was a report that yellow jackets and bald face hornets continued to increase in numbers and had a negative effect on fruit crops and field work. Warm and dry conditions continued to prevail throughout central Washington. Smoke from a timber fire near Lake Chelan continued to decrease air quality in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Concerns over heat and water shortages continued to worry producers. Pastures were reported as short and extremely dry with some grasshopper infestation. Some ranchers brought cattle home, placed cattle on pasture they do not normally graze, or placed cattle on supplemental feed. Some early fall calving was reported. Peach harvest continued. Harvest crews were in pepper and tomato fields throughout the week. Harvest bins were placed in many apple and pear orchards with the anticipation of early harvest for early varieties. Cones began to appear on hops, and vegetable stands were running a brisk business with cucumbers, sweet corn, summer and winter squash, peppers, and tomatoes. East central Washington continued to report dry and dusty field conditions. Producers were getting ready for fall seeding. Reports indicated much needed precipitation was received throughout the district. Southeastern Washington conditions continued to be hot and dry with no rain in the forecast. Wheat harvest neared completion. Harvest in Whitman County was approximately 50 percent complete with harvest being two weeks early due to hot and dry weather.

## **More Seasonable Temperatures Returned but Dry Conditions Continued in Oregon**

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 15% very poor, 38% poor, 38% fair, and 9% good. More seasonable temperatures returned to Oregon, however, condition remained extremely dry. Most areas reported no rain. In the northwest region, early apples and peaches were picked, while prunes and plums turned purple. Mid-season apples changed color. Blackberries were smaller due to the very warm weather. There were reports of heavy emergence of Filbert worms due to the hot weather. Red flame grapes turned color but were smaller in size, even with watering. Fire danger remained very high throughout the region. Grass for seed harvest neared completion. Third cutting of alfalfa finished. Red clover was swathed. Filberts and walnuts filled during the week. Sweet corn traveled to canneries, and tomatoes ripened. Greenhouse and nursery plants were doing well. Pastures were dry and supplemental feeding was necessary. The north central region experienced fair weather. Summer pear harvest or preparation for harvest was underway. Most cereal grain harvest was done. The northeast region reported wheat harvest neared completion. Potato harvest started with chippers, and whites headed to processors. The southeast region reported wheat harvest continued. Mint, alfalfa and grass hay were harvested. A field of wintmalt malting barley was harvested after surviving two bouts of below zero temperatures last November and December. Crooked river and most creeks flowed at a trickle compared to last year. Outside work was difficult due to wildfires in neighboring counties. The southwest region reported continued dry weather. Cooler conditions helped lessen serious leaf scorch and fruit shrivel on peaches, blackberries, and wine grapes. Most producers with access to irrigation water were able to recharge soils, helping fruit crops ripen. Apple and pear crops looked good with only small amounts of sunburn. Crop progress was about one week earlier than last year and two to three weeks earlier than average on these crops. Air quality was borderline hazardous due to fires in Douglas County and northern California.

### Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/09/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	14	41	45	-
Oregon.....	30	52	18	-
Washington.....	31	34	34	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	14	42	44	-
Oregon.....	30	52	18	-
Washington.....	26	43	31	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/09/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	1	25	31	34	9
Oregon.....	13	17	44	22	4
Washington.....	5	18	52	25	-
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	4	9	19	42	26
Oregon.....	5	15	34	32	14
Washington.....	10	36	37	17	-
Barley					
Idaho.....	1	3	12	49	35
Oregon.....	1	3	28	63	5
Washington.....	3	15	66	16	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	1	4	15	63	17
Oregon.....	-	3	38	53	6
Washington.....	-	2	26	62	10
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	10	85	5
Oregon.....	1	1	33	56	9
Washington.....	-	3	75	20	2
Oats					
Idaho.....	-	8	15	62	15
Oregon.....	-	1	13	83	3
Washington.....	-	3	78	19	-
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	42	58	-
Oregon.....	-	1	18	74	7
Washington.....	-	2	13	62	23

- Represents zero.

**Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: August 3 - August 9, 2015**

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Coeur d' Alene .....	46	98	71	+0	145	+0	0.00	-0.22	0	21.19	-4.00	84	109
Fenn.....	48	100	72	+1	156	+2	0.04	-0.17	1	30.41	-7.45	80	137
Lewiston.....	54	105	78	+4	198	+23	0.00	-0.14	0	10.58	-1.59	87	89
Bonnars Ferry .....	44	97	70	+3	144	+18	0.60	+0.39	1	21.39	+0.63	103	99
Nezperce.....	39	93	66	-1	110	-2	0.02	-0.19	1	19.08	-0.50	97	149
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise.....	48	93	74	-3	168	-13	0.22	+0.18	6	17.76	+5.81	149	179
Emmett .....	53	103	74	-1	172	-1	0.13	+0.06	2	13.84	+0.28	102	87
Glenns Ferry .....	52	95	72	-3	154	-15	0.12	+0.07	5	8.58	-0.92	90	107
Grand View .....	51	96	73	-1	165	-2	0.10	+0.10	1	6.91	+0.02	100	91
Nampa .....	57	95	74	+3	172	+18	0.18	+0.14	1	10.76	+1.06	111	109
Parma .....	51	95	75	+3	178	+17	0.03	-0.04	1	10.12	-0.71	93	87
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield .....	37	89	63	-5	91	-28	0.55	+0.48	3	14.61	+0.07	100	119
Malta .....	44	91	67	-3	121	-16	0.32	+0.14	5	13.08	+2.45	123	112
Picabo.....	44	91	66	-1	113	-2	0.20	+0.13	3	19.75	+7.14	157	98
Rupert .....	48	89	67	-5	124	-23	0.24	+0.17	4	8.54	-1.00	90	102
Twin Falls.....	51	86	69	-2	131	-5	0.16	+0.09	3	8.90	-1.80	83	88
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	44	89	66	-3	112	-14	0.42	+0.35	3	7.49	-1.25	86	73
Ashton.....	44	83	64	-2	96	-8	0.66	+0.45	4	16.98	-2.25	88	123
Fort Hall .....	42	92	67	-2	118	-2	0.36	+0.22	3	9.64	-1.76	85	108
Idaho Falls .....	45	97	67	-3	121	-12	0.98	+0.84	3	11.17	+0.70	107	83
Lava Hot Springs.....	44	93	66	-3	116	-14	0.92	+0.59	6	17.80	+1.90	112	97
Monteview.....	46	83	64	-4	103	-22	0.74	+0.53	5	7.14	-2.04	78	60
Preston .....	49	90	69	-2	132	-8	0.79	+0.58	4	15.90	+0.39	103	92
Rexburg .....	41	85	65	-3	105	-14	0.43	+0.29	3	12.59	-0.74	94	124

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/09/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	35	19	19	11
Winter wheat harvested.....	80	54	57	38
Barley harvested .....	39	22	21	17
Oats harvested.....	71	49	24	31
Potatoes harvested .....	5	4	-	-
Dry peas harvested .....	72	44	40	18
Onions harvested .....	22	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	87	83	77	78
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	38	16	35	24

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: August 3 - August 9, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>WEST</b>													
Bellingham.....	51	79	66	+3	113	+15	0.08	-0.20	1	31.60	-3.76	89	133
Everett.....	55	78	66	+1	111	+6	0.14	-0.14	1	30.06	-6.49	82	142
Hoquiam.....	52	76	63	+3	92	+16	0.05	-0.23	2	60.02	-7.53	89	146
Kelso.....	50	86	68	+3	128	+21	0.00	-0.21	0	35.90	-11.14	76	130
Olympia.....	47	85	66	+3	116	+18	0.00	-0.20	0	42.85	-7.08	86	134
Sea-Tac.....	54	83	69	+4	135	+23	0.00	-0.21	0	34.95	-1.35	96	137
Shelton.....	44	85	66	+2	117	+8	0.03	-0.18	1	58.33	-6.39	90	139
Tacoma.....	50	84	68	+3	129	+17	0.00	-0.21	0	32.36	-7.28	82	134
Vancouver.....	52	87	70	+2	141	+8	0.00	-0.14	0	31.42	-4.90	87	134
<b>CENTRAL</b>													
Ellensburg.....	47	92	74	+6	170	+37	0.00	-0.07	0	7.76	-1.07	88	70
Omak.....	48	98	74	+2	167	+13	0.00	-0.17	0	11.98	-0.41	97	77
Stampede Pass.....	43	78	61	+3	75	+19	0.30	-0.06	1	45.41	-37.00	55	125
Wenatchee.....	58	93	77	+3	191	+21	0.00	-0.07	0	7.38	-0.87	89	68
Yakima AP.....	51	94	73	+4	165	+25	0.00	-0.07	0	6.85	-1.14	86	60
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Colville.....	47	99	71	+4	151	+23	0.02	-0.19	1	16.39	-4.78	77	103
Deer Park.....	39	88	66	-2	111	-8	0.08	-0.20	1	17.21	-8.40	67	101
Kettle Falls.....	48	91	70	+0	143	+3	0.00	-0.29	0	15.18	-4.87	76	107
Spokane.....	53	90	71	+2	149	+9	0.04	-0.10	1	13.35	-2.82	83	95
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>													
Ephrata.....	51	94	75	+0	180	+0	0.00	-0.07	0	7.14	-0.39	95	59
Lind.....	47	98	71	-2	148	-6	0.00	-0.07	0	7.47	-2.19	77	65
Moses Lake.....	49	94	73	-3	164	-16	0.00	-0.07	0	6.10	-1.43	81	57
Quincy.....	54	101	74	+2	171	+12	0.00	-0.07	0	8.47	+0.75	110	45
Ritzville.....	49	97	70	+0	145	+1	0.05	-0.03	1	10.43	-1.55	87	79
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Hanford.....	55	96	77	-2	194	-3	0.00	-0.05	0	5.03	-1.59	76	55
Lake Bryan Rice.....	51	97	76	+6	185	+38	0.00	-0.07	0	14.03	-0.25	98	93
Pasco.....	50	96	74	-3	169	-13	0.00	-0.07	0	5.61	-2.10	73	60
Pullman.....	41	100	70	+3	142	+16	0.00	-0.19	0	17.83	-2.52	88	99
Silcott Island.....	56	98	79	+5	206	+31	0.00	-0.14	0	8.72	-3.45	72	84
Walla Walla.....	56	95	77	+1	192	+4	0.00	-0.17	0	14.39	-5.86	71	89
Whitman Mission.....	43	101	71	+0	150	+1	0.00	-0.14	0	12.24	-1.73	88	99

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/09/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	79	55	46	18
Winter wheat harvested.....	91	82	79	51
Barley harvested.....	71	45	37	14
Oats harvested.....	45	19	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	20	13	18	17
Field corn silked.....	98	74	83	69
Field corn doughed.....	40	30	43	12
Field corn dented.....	2	(NA)	2	0
Dry peas harvested.....	79	74	68	41
Onions harvested.....	29	19	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	91	85	89	83
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	51	28	16	15

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: August 3 - August 9, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
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					Total	DFN							
<b>COASTAL AREAS</b>													
Astoria.....	52	75	63	+3	95	+18	0.02	-0.19	1	58.36	-7.83	88	157
Bandon.....	51	71	61	+2	77	+8	0.10	-0.04	3	54.07	-4.31	93	151
Florence.....	44	73	60	-1	70	+0	0.07	-0.14	1	70.06	-2.08	97	145
North Bend.....	52	72	62	+2	82	+8	0.04	-0.10	2	44.25	-19.48	69	121
Tillamook.....	45	73	61	+3	78	+15	0.02	-0.19	1	54.20	-35.05	61	150
<b>WILLAMETTE VALLEY</b>													
Aurora.....	51	88	70	+3	139	+20	0.00	-0.14	0	33.93	-7.79	81	144
Corvallis.....	48	87	69	+2	136	+13	0.00	-0.14	0	34.27	-8.82	80	152
Detroit Lake.....	48	89	69	+4	137	+25	0.01	-0.18	1	55.58	-30.45	65	134
Eugene.....	47	89	70	+3	143	+24	0.00	-0.18	0	30.72	-19.41	61	131
Hillsboro.....	48	87	67	-2	122	-4	0.00	-0.14	0	30.90	-6.57	82	127
McMinnville.....	48	87	68	+2	130	+8	0.00	-0.07	0	34.33	-6.90	83	131
Portland.....	56	87	71	+3	152	+19	0.00	-0.14	0	30.90	-5.42	85	129
Salem.....	54	88	71	+4	149	+23	0.00	-0.12	0	34.01	-5.45	86	121
<b>SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS</b>													
Grants Pass.....	55	95	75	+5	174	+34	0.00	-0.07	0	25.46	-5.20	83	107
Medford.....	56	95	76	+3	183	+16	0.00	-0.07	0	16.37	-1.57	91	94
Roseburg.....	55	90	73	+3	165	+18	0.00	-0.14	0	26.42	-6.73	80	106
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Condon.....	45	98	70	+4	142	+23	0.00	-0.14	0	8.24	-5.88	58	70
Echo.....	46	94	75	+2	177	+9	0.00	-0.07	0	6.22	-3.95	61	94
Heppner.....	48	97	71	-1	146	-1	0.00	-0.08	0	9.16	-4.60	67	85
Hermiston.....	50	94	75	+1	176	+8	0.00	-0.07	0	5.92	-4.25	58	69
Madras.....	45	88	68	+0	129	+3	0.00	-0.14	0	8.47	-3.23	72	91
Moro.....	50	95	71	+3	147	+17	0.00	-0.07	0	8.12	-3.02	73	81
Parkdale.....	46	87	67	+3	122	+17	0.00	-0.07	0	33.91	+2.83	109	126
Pendleton.....	49	91	72	-2	158	-7	0.00	-0.10	0	9.97	-2.35	81	88
Prairie City.....	38	87	64	+3	103	+19	0.01	-0.20	1	16.18	-4.14	80	133
The Dalles.....	58	93	76	+2	187	+6	0.00	-0.07	0	10.70	-3.35	76	74
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Agency Lake.....	37	88	65	+2	103	+12	0.23	+0.11	1	20.54	+1.23	106	93
Bend.....	44	97	67	+3	123	+23	0.00	-0.14	0	11.22	-0.07	99	58
Burns.....	27	90	66	+0	114	+1	0.21	+0.14	1	9.54	-0.67	93	78
Christmas Valley.....	37	88	65	+2	106	+8	0.01	-0.14	1	9.65	-1.33	88	104
Klamath Falls.....	45	86	67	+1	119	+7	0.42	+0.30	1	14.00	+2.48	122	84
Lakeview.....	40	86	64	-4	102	-19	0.00	-0.07	0	11.75	-3.38	78	99
Lorella.....	38	89	64	-1	102	-1	0.24	+0.17	1	14.48	+3.64	134	95
Redmond.....	42	90	67	-1	122	-4	0.01	-0.13	1	9.18	+0.99	112	77
Worden.....	38	86	64	-3	99	-13	0.79	+0.67	4	16.47	+4.95	143	105
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Baker City.....	37	89	65	-4	107	-18	0.02	-0.15	1	9.53	-0.41	96	77
Joseph.....	41	86	65	-1	108	+0	0.12	-0.09	3	10.10	-8.82	53	72
La Grande.....	39	91	69	-2	138	-2	0.00	-0.16	0	10.52	-6.30	63	90
Imbler.....	36	90	66	-2	113	-6	0.00	-0.14	0	17.68	-6.07	74	139
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Ontario.....	60	96	78	+3	195	+18	0.01	-0.04	1	9.66	+0.43	105	80
Rome.....	38	95	72	+2	153	+10	0.00	-0.07	0	8.80	-0.30	97	66

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	73	60	59	49
Winter wheat harvested .....	96	90	83	66
Barley harvested .....	78	65	44	45
Oats harvested .....	65	47	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes harvested .....	14	4	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	95	89	90	79
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	47	20	46	17

(NA) Not available.

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